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## For Immediate Release

## Wylie to Celebrate National Night Out With Olde City Park Event October 1

Wylie, TX, September 23, 2013 – The Wylie Police Department invites the community to celebrate National Night Out in Olde City Park, 112 S. Ballard Avenue, Tuesday, October 1, 5 pm – 8 pm. Join us for public safety displays and activities, free hot dogs and drinks, a helicopter landing, bounce houses, petting zoo, pony rides, game truck, face painting, music and more.

"Our goal is to bring the community together and raise awareness of crime prevention in Wylie," says Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh. "It's the first step in building a strong community network of active, involved citizens, equipped to participate in anti-crime efforts throughout our city."

Following the event, citizens are encouraged to return home, turn their porch lights on, and meet their neighbors in a show of unity against criminal activity. To register as a National Night Out participant, or schedule a visit from Wylie Police or Wylie Fire Rescue, neighborhoods, HOA's, and businesses, should contact Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh, angie.mcintosh@wylietexas.gov or call 972-442-8133.

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National Night Out is a program developed by The National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide. NATW's network has grown to include over 6,000 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations.

For more information contact Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh, angie.mcintosh@wylietexas.gov, or call 972-442-8133. Go to www.nationalnightout.org for more details on the National Night Out program. — end -

Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.